

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, mailing addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LEVEL-SHIFTING**

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on September 22, 2000 as United States Application Number 09/668,681.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national application or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)  
99870200.5      Europe  
(number)      (country)

September 30, 1999  
(date filed)

Priority Claimed  
☒ yes    ☐ no

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States utility application(s) listed below.

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